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2. In Biographic Register, McGruder commented that he felt too much extraneous and unrelated data, pertinent to the individual concerned, might be filed in his dossier; he pointed out lengthy reports, filed in sample dossiers he reviewed, where the individual's name only appeared once. Colonel Miller picked this up to add fuel to his fire of "bulky filing systems".

3. As the result of our meeting with Graphics Register, the light seems to be dawning in Colonel Miller's head that the word "central" in CIA does not mean that we necessarily are charged with the collection of all intelligence information within the IAC, but act as a service of common concern; "we are a centralized focal point where requestors go for desired information and if we do not actually have it on hand ourselves, we at least know where to go to obtain it."

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